

Appl. No. 09/960,078
Amdt. Dated 11/28/2004
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the advisory action, claims 2, 4-7, and 25-29 were rejected. Claims 8-10, 21-24 and 30-32 were allowed. Rejected claims 2, 4-7, and 25-29 have been cancelled. Allowed claims 8-10, 21-24 and 30-32 remain in this application as previously presented. Accordingly, all of the pending claims are now allowable.

2. The information disclosure statement filed July 19, 2004 fails to comply with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97, 1.98 and MPEP § 609 because it lacks either a statement as specified in 37 CFR 1.97(e) or the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(p) and further fails to comply with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3) because it does not include a concise explanation of the relevance, as it is presently understood by the individual designated in 37 CFR 1.56(c) most knowledgeable about the content of the information, of each patent listed that is not in the English language. It has been placed in the application file, but the information referred to therein has not been considered as to the merits. Applicant is advised that the date of any re-submission of any item of information contained in this information disclosure statement or the submission of any missing element(s) will be the date of submission for purposes of determining compliance with the requirements based on the time of filing the statement, including all certification requirements for statements under 37 CFR 1.97(e). See MPEP § 609 ¶ C(1).

Attached hereto is a copy of U.S. Patent No. 6,143,110 which is the English equivalent of EPO 0 666 165 A1. I've also attached a copy of the European Search Report issued on May 5, 2004.

6. Claims 8-10, 21-24 and 30-32 have been allowed for reasons already of record and therefore remain in their previously presented form without further amendment.

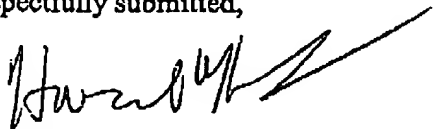
Conclusion

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. No new matter is entered by this Amendment. Applicant has cancelled all of the rejected claims, attached an English equivalent of a foreign patent cited in the Information Disclosure Statement, attached a copy of European Search Report, a fee for resubmitting the reference and a two month

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extension of time fee. If there are still some issues to be resolved, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

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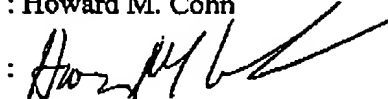
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